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Docket No.: CDSI-P04-022  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Guo et al.

Application No.: 10/714,677

Confirmation No.: 2325

Filed: November 14, 2003

Art Unit: 1615

For: METHOD FOR TREATING AND/OR  
PREVENTING RETINAL DISEASES WITH  
SUSTAINED RELEASE CORTICOSTEROIDS

Examiner: C. A. Azpuru

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, dated March 29, 2007, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Group II, claims 35-70, drawn to an implantable device. Applicants elect this group with traverse because Applicants submit that the simultaneous examination of Group I, drawn to a method of administering a corticosteroid, would present no significant additional burden for the Examiner.

With respect to the election of species, to the extent it applies to the above election, Applicants elect a device comprising fluocinolone acetonide as the corticosteroid, polyvinyl alcohol as the permeable coating, and polyimide as the impermeable coating with traverse and for search purposes only.

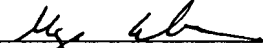
Application No. 10/714,677  
Amendment dated July 13, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of March 29, 2007

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Applicants believe no additional fee is due with this response, aside from the Petition for Extension of Time. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CDSI-P04-022 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: July 13, 2007

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